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(*h*) whether the cancellation was at the instance of Mr. Fyson ;

(*i*) whether Mr. (Professor) Chakravarti's lien has been permanently shifted from the Presidency College ; and

(*j*) if so, for what reasons ?

A.—(*a*) The Professor and two assistants were transferred with effect from the reopening of the College in July 1929.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The reports of the professors are confidential and cannot be communicated.

(*e*) In view of the answer to (*d*), no answer is required.

(*f*) Public comparison of the work of different officers is deprecated. The implication that satisfactory work can only be done in a single college is not accepted.

(*g*) Yes ; the transfer was cancelled before it took effect.

(*h*) The advice on which postings of officers are made is confidential.

(*i*) Yes.

(*j*) According to the instructions of the Government of India only Indian Educational Service officers can be posted to special posts ; this necessitated the transfer of Mr. Chakravarti to the Principalship of the Rajahmundry College.

Appointment of Mr. I. Narayana Menon in the Presidency College.

* 1454 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the posting of Mr. I. Narayana Menon as Professor in the Presidency College is only a temporary arrangement ; and

(*b*) whether Professor Radhakrishnan is to be appointed as permanent Professor on his return from foreign service ?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government cannot say at present.

Retention of Mr. Fyson for a long period in the same post.

* 1455 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how long Mr. Fyson has been the Principal of the Presidency College, and whether there is any time-limit for persons occupying the same post in the Educational department ;

(*b*) how many hours of actual teaching is done by Mr. Fyson on the average in a week ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the previous Principals of the Presidency College were not allowed to continue for so long a period as Mr. Fyson has been ; and

(*d*) whether any principle is observed to the effect that the Principals of first and second grade Government Colleges should not be left occupying the same post for more than three or five years on the analogy of the Judicial department ?

A.—(*a*) Mr. P. F. Fyson was appointed as Principal on 6th July 1925 and has been continuing as such except for the period 4th July 1927 to 15th November 1927 when he was on leave. No time-limit has been prescribed.

(*b*) Mr. Fyson does no actual teaching. His duties as Principal preclude anything beyond a very general supervision of the Botany department.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The Government do not see any necessity for the adoption of the principle.

Opening of schools for Muslims in South Arcot and other districts.

* 1456 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of schools (elementary) opened for boys in the districts of South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris since 1924–25; and

(*b*) how many of them were meant for Muslims in each of the said districts?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] showing the number of schools opened at the instance of the Government is placed on the table. The Government have no information in regard to the number of schools opened by the managements concerned of their own accord.

Opening of additional schools for Muslims in South Arcot and other districts.

* 1457 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many additional schools are proposed to be opened during the year 1930–31 for Muslim boys in the districts of South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris; and

(*b*) whether a statement of the number of schools to be opened talukwar in the said districts will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government do not propose to subsidise local bodies for the opening of new elementary schools for Muhammadan boys in 1930–31.

Modification of the rule regulating the number of Muslim schools.

* 1458 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation that many centres of considerable Muslim population go without any school for boys and for girls on account of the rule that a school can be provided for boys only where the Muslim population is 500 and above and for girls where it is 1,000 and above;

(*b*) whether it is not a fact that on account of the strict observance of such a rule, education of the Muslim community is very much retarded; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to modify the rule and how?

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 143 infra.